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TWO MAN PLEAD GUILTY IN LARGE STOLEN AND COUNTERFEIT CHECK CASHING SCHEME

RE: UNITED STATES v. TRIN PARKER and GARY EADY

United States Attorney Michael A. Battle announced today that Trin Parker, age 32, of Avis Street, New York and Gary Eady, age 42, 430 Rosewood Terrace, Rochester, New York, pled guilty before Honorable Charles J. Siragusa, United States District Court Judge, to felony informations charging them with bank fraud, in violation of Title 18, United States Code, Section 1344, which carries a maximum sentence of 30 years imprisonment, a \$1,000,000 fine, or both.

Assistant U.S. Attorney Richard A. Resnick, who is handling the case, stated that Parker and Eady were part of a ring of individuals who were stealing checks out of

mailboxes and then soliciting young women to enter banks to cash the checks with false identifications. The loss from the ring is more than \$120,000.00.

The defendants were caught on October 14, 2004 after they and Derek Floyd, Jr. sent a seventeen year old female into the Geneva National Bank in Geneva, New York, with a stolen and counterfeited check in the amount of \$1,450.00. After the bank refused to honor the check, the female fled the bank and was observed getting into a vehicle which then left the scene.

The Geneva Police Department was contacted and given a description of the vehicle by personnel from the Geneva National Bank after the minor fled. Shortly thereafter, the GPD a vehicle fitting the description given by bank personnel was observed driving on Route 5 & 20 in Geneva. As a GPD officer pulled behind the vehicle, he observed paper products being thrown from the vehicle. Responding GPD officers secured the thrown objects. The vehicle was pulled over by a GPD officer and during the motor vehicle stop, the officer observed additional paper items being thrown from the interior of the vehicle to the pavement. Inside of the vehicle were the defendant, the minor, and two other known individuals. The recovered items which had been thrown from the vehicle consisted of twenty-five checks previously reported to have been stolen from the United States mails, counterfeit checks produced in the likeness of the stolen mail matter, a number of blank check stock, and two false identification cards containing a photograph of the minor with names and dates of birth of two other unknown persons.

The conviction was the culmination of an investigation by Robin Dalglish, Postal Inspector in Charge of the New York Division of the United States Postal Inspection Service.

Sentencing for Parker and Eady are scheduled for May 6, 2005, at 10:30 a.m. in front of Judge Siragusa.

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